

PROCLAMATION **DAY OF THE COWBOY** JULY 23, 2005

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota claims a rich history of western traditions demonstrated by individuals, communities and organizations associated with the lifestyles and values of the American Cowboy culture; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame was established in 1995 with the mission to preserve the history and cultural heritage of North Dakota's Native American, ranching and rodeo communities; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed Resolution 85, declaring the fourth Saturday in July as the National Day of the Cowboy for the purpose of recognizing the western history and traditions of this great country; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's citizens are encouraged to recognize the great legacies and accomplishments of those individuals, communities, ranches and organizations that embrace the western traditions of the American Cowboy culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim July 23, 2005, the **DAY OF THE COWBOY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State